II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER.

(1) MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message from the Governor of Madras, dated 2nd October 1957 :—

"In pursuance of Article 207, Clause (3) of the Constitution of India, I, P. V. Rajamannar, Governor of Madras, hereby recommend to the Madras Legislative Assembly the consideration of the Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1957."

(2) PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPERS OF QUESTIONS, AMENDMENTS, ETC., DISALLOWED BY HON. SPEAKER.

MR. SPEAKER : An amendment to the Motion of Thanks for the Governor's Address was given notice of by a Member and it was disallowed and the Member was informed of this with reason for disallowing. This has been published in one of the Tamil dailies by the Member himself. It is a well-established convention of the House of Commons that a Member who gives to the Press for publication questions or resolutions, before they are admitted by the Chair commits a breach of Privilege of the House. The attention of the Members of the Legislature has therefore been drawn ever since the Reformed Council came into existence in this State to the objectionable practice of publishing questions in the daily press, before the same were admitted by the Chair. For the same reasons, on 8th May 1952, the then Speaker pointed out that amendments to the discussion on His Excellency the Governor's Address should not be published in the Press before they were admitted, as it was unparliamentary to do so and he also expressed the hope that the Press would co-operate with him to see that they did not publish any amendments before they were admitted by him.

If a Member or newspaper has no right to publish a question or amendment before its admission, it follows that they cannot publish a question or amendment when it has been disallowed. It would be too much to contend that the mere fact that the Speaker has disallowed a question or a resolution or amendment—may be on some technical ground—would debar a Member from giving publicity to his well-meant efforts in the public cause. Such a publication of disallowed questions, resolutions or amendments by the Member who had given notice of them necessarily involves also the contempt of the Speaker's authority inasmuch as it amounts to a resort to the public Press for ventilation of the grievances arising from the disallowance of the question, resolution or amendment. It places the Speaker in difficult circumstances, for the Speaker himself cannot rush to the Press in defence of his disallowance. It is therefore necessary that a wholesome convention should be established in this House as in the House of Commons that Members should not publish or countenance the publication

in the Press of questions or resolutions or amendments not admitted. I am not giving this as a ruling, but I am making an appeal. I make an earnest appeal for the co-operation of the Members and the Press in this matter.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM rose—

MR. SPEAKER : Order, order.

(3) ADMISSION TO THE VISITORS' GALLERY.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to make another suggestion. To-day there has been an enormous rush for the Visitors' Gallery and the Speaker's Gallery. I have issued tickets far more in excess of the accommodation available. Some Members still seem to be dissatisfied with this. So, with the permission of the House, from the Budget Session onwards, I propose to issue tickets for the Visitors' Galleries for a definite period of one hour only. At the end of one hour, those sitting in the Galleries will have to vacate and make room for the next batch of visitors. This is the practice followed in the Lok Sabha and I propose to introduce it here also with the co-operation of the Members of the House.

III.—STATEMENT UNDER RULE 40 *RE* IMPOSITION OF PENALTY ON THE RYOTS IN THE LOWER BHAVANI PROJECT AREA.

MR. SPEAKER : I have received notice from hon. Member Sri Palanisami calling attention of the Hon. Minister for Revenue to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., imposition of penalty on the ryots in the Lower Bhavani Project area. Sri Palanisami may now speak.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: ஸார், சமீபத்தில் கீழ் பவானி பிரதேசத்தில் அங்கு இருக்கக்கூடிய மக்கள் நெல் வைக்கக்கூடாது என்றும், நெல் வைத்திருந்தால் தண்ட வரி போடலாம் என்றும் தண்டோரா செய்திருக்கிறார்கள். இப்போது இருக்கக்கூடிய நிலையில் உரம்பு நிலத்தில் நெல் வைக்கக்கூடாது என்று தடை செய்வது என்ன நியாயம் என்று தெரியவில்லை. இப்போதுள்ள ஏராளமான மழையில் நெல் வைக்காமல் வேறு வழி கிடையாது.

SRI A. R. SUBBIAH MUDALIAR : Sir, we have not received notice about this.

MR. SPEAKER : It was circulated yesterday.

SRI A. R. SUBBIAH MUDALIAR : No, Sir, we have not received it.

MR. SPEAKER : My information is that it was circulated yesterday. Anyway, the hon. Member may now listen to the speech of Sri Palanisami and the statement that will be made by the Hon. Minister. Then everything will be all right.